

JULY 6, 2026

REGULAR MEETING 6 p.m.

Regular meeting of the Village Board held at the Village Hall and called to order by President Starcevich with the following members present: Loving, Olson, Frenell, Sappington, Baker, Starcevich, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Baker, second by Olson to approve the June 2026 minutes. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Sappington, second by Olson to authorize the June 2026 bills. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Mr. and Mrs. Almar Violet and their son present to observe the Board meeting. President Starcevich reviewed what the Village has done since he started ten years ago.

Motion by Frenell, second by Baker to accept the Ordinance Number 2, Series 2026, Appropriation Ordinance FY2025 – 2026. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starcevich reported on spraying for mosquitos and recommended getting a price and contacting Matherville on what they use.

President Starcevich reported the Village received a FOIA request from Leah and John Nicholson, 313 Franklin Street, for all copies pertaining to the sewer in their area. President Starcevich stated that he had talked to Village Attorney Mike Halpin and sewer engineer Jack Kusak about the request. He also spoke with Multi Construction, Tom Whiting, about the installation of the Nicholson's sewer and Justin Fowler with the same hook up problem. Mr. Fowler informed President Starcevich that he would charge \$10,000 to install his own sewer system. President Starcevich said that Attorney Halpin sent a letter, and got a price on the Nicholson and Fowler sewer, and that Tom Whiting is doing Najinder Singh's and Ben Daves' sewers, but Mr. Singh's water is off and Monica Davids will be off, and both will have a fine. President Starcevich said that John Brown is in violation, and Nicholson's and Fowler's curb stop needs replaced. He had an estimate from Advanced Plumbing and Mechanical for \$1,500 to \$2,000 for each house and can hook on where the curb stop is, and Fowler's is in the easement.

Motion by Baker, second by Sappington that once the FOIA request is done, have the curb stop dug up for Nicholson at estimated cost of \$2,000. Voice votes: all votes in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Frenell, second by Sappington to hire Jason Lambin to install the water meters at \$75 per meter and do the apartments first and the north side. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the

motion was carried. President Starcevich reported that Mr. Lambin will start in two weeks and will set up times for the installations.

Motion by Frenell, second by Sappington to take down the three trees and stumps on Village property at South Second Avenue \$2,400, Cemetery Road \$2,200 and over the aerator and tank at \$8,000 - \$9,000 and stumps by Yates Tree Service. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starcevich reported that on line billing and payment will start next month with routing numbers and account numbers, and that Hanna Converse will do the billing and the web site. He also stated that Debbie Willems will do the sign in the Depot Park.

Motion by Baker, second by Loving to raise the salary of Hannah Converse \$100 for doing the website and new water billing on line. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starcevich stated that the Village is checking with Compton Accounting on a price for taking over the treasurer's duties.

Dave Maynard , interim water superintendent present to report on the water tower inspection and recommended Putnam County Painting to do it, and it would be a one or two day job, and they will be in Alpha next week and can come by to check it out with an estimated cost of \$60,000 if they would do it.

The watermatic needs a new box, but the one that came did not work so it was reordered and they are working on it and putting a meter on it. The Board would need to figure out a price, since \$1.00 equals 100 gallons, \$10.00 would be 1,000gallons.

Motion by Sappington, second by Loving to hire Putnam County Painting Inc. to maintain the water tower. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starcevich stated that he is talking to Senator Halpin on grant money for a new tower.

Mr. Maynard reported there are three lead and copper lines and will talk to Advanced Plumbing about the matter.

The Board said that the concrete job by HootyPuckers needs to be done before the Fair and Rodeo.

President Starcevich reported that Steve Speaker from Aledo might be interested in the maintenance job, but only three days a week, and he knows Chief Davis and has been in the military.

President Starcevich stated that the sidewalk by 304 South Fifth Avenue needs to be repaired either by mud jack or digging out. The Board will check.

President Starcevich said that the sidewalk by John Hamilton's has been formed up but not done yet.

President Starcevich will talk to Giffin engineering about the house that burned on Windsor Court, Ben Daves' burned house, Kovacic's rental on North Fourth Avenue, and the Dan Beattie house is going to be torn down by him, and the Michael Chezem property on North Walnut Street needs to be cleaned up.

Trustee Frenell reported on the Ball Park. He said that the Concession stand has termites eating away at it, the doors are moving, and a leak in the men's bathroom is going into the storage area. He has a quote of \$700 for the back diamond to be sprayed and drug, and Troy Blazer will spray and till, but the front diamond needs dirt, thin dirt, scrape some off the front diamond and add to the back diamond.

President Starcevich told Trustee Frenell to get a price on the dirt and schedule the front diamond. Trustee Frenell said that the Ball Association has invested about \$1,000, but needs help with the bigger items and maintenance upkeep. He said the Rodeo Association will paint the east side of the dugouts.

Motion by Frenell, second by Sappington to pass Resolution Number 1, series 2026 Return To Work Policy. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Frenell, second by Sappington to adjourn, Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk